

ALASKA TRIBAL-STATE FORUM ON SAFETY AND JUSTICE

***North Slope Region
July 14-15, 2008
Barrow, Alaska***

REPORT



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Tribal-State Forum on Safety and Justice Agenda
Multipurpose Room, Hopson Middle School
Barrow, Alaska
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MONDAY

8:00-8:20 *Registration*

8:20-9:00 *Forum Announcements, Welcome, Prayer and Introductions*
Reverend Mary Ann Warden, Advisory Board Chair, Arctic Women in Crisis

9:00-9:40 **Domestic Violence Basics**
Rose Habeich, Director, North Slope Borough Health Department, Barbara Lippe, Counselor III, Arctic Women in Crisis, North Slope Borough and Patti Bland, Director of Training, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Break

9:45 -10:25 **Path to Personal Healing and Wellness**
Louisa Riley, Board Member, Arctic Women in Crisis, North Slope Borough
Break

10:35-11:25 **The Role of Law Enforcement and Mandatory Arrest**
Katie TePas, Program Coordinator, Alaska State Troopers
Break

11:30 -12:20 **Civil Remedies: Protective Orders, Divorce and Child Custody**
Jennifer King, Attorney, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Legal Advocacy Project

12:20-1:20 *Lunch*

1:20 -1:30 **Question and Answers**

1:30-2:10 **Elder Abuse**
Katie TePas, Program Coordinator, Alaska State Troopers
Break

2:15-2:55 **Practical Skills For Victim Advocacy and Safety Planning**
Patti Bland, Director of Training, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and Christine King, Project Coordinator Center for Human Development, UAA
Break

3:05-3:55 **Advocacy and Safety Planning (continued)**
Break

4:00-4:50 **Advocacy for Survivors with Substance Use Issues**
Patti Bland, Director of Training, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

4:50-5:00 **Question and Answers**

TUESDAY

8:15-8:30 *Registration*

8:30-9:20 **State Domestic Violence Laws and Prosecutorial Decision-Making - Plead, Dismiss or Trial**
Teresa Foster, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Special Prosecutions, Fairbanks
Office of the Attorney General and Robin Kouchak, Assistant District Attorney, Barrow
Office of the District Attorney
Break

9:25-10:15 **Victims' Rights and Victim/Witness Paralegals**
Jonelle Stephens, Victim-Witness Paralegal, Fairbanks Office of the District Attorney
Break

10:25-11:15 **The Role of the Courts in Protection Orders and Sentencing**
Superior Court Judge Michael Jeffrey and Magistrate Karen Hegyi, Alaska Court
System, Barrow
Break

11:20-12:00 **Alaska Native Justice and Domestic Violence**
Mary Elam, Advocate Coordinator and Linda McLaughlin, Victim Advocate/Trainer,
Alaska Native Justice Center

12:00-1:00 *Lunch*

1:00-1:10 **Questions and Answers**

1:10-2:00 **Tribal Jurisdictions and Tribal Courts**
Mary Elam, Advocate Coordinator and Linda McLaughlin, Victim Advocate/Trainer,
Alaska Native Justice Center
Break

2:05 – 2:55 **Legal Advocacy Review**
Andrea Browning, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Legal
Advocacy Project
Break

3:05- 3:55 **Challenges and Solutions Work Session**

3:55- 4:15 **Challenges and Solutions Reports**
Break

4:20-4:30 **Evaluations**

4:30-5:00 **Closing Ceremony**
Tagiugmiut Dance Group, Barrow

Participants



North Slope Region Participants

Twenty-three (23) participants attended the two-day training held at the Hopson Middle School Multipurpose room in Barrow. Nineteen (19) of the participants live in Barrow. Four (4) trainees traveled to Barrow from three (3) North Slope villages.

Atqasuk (1)	Kaktovik (2)
Barrow (19)	Nuiqsut (1)

Participants included:

Government agency staff (1)
OCS – social worker

Health professionals (5)
physician, public health nurses (3), community health aide

Tribal government/Tribal government agency staff (4)

Victim advocates (13)
AWIC staff (9), board members (2) and safe home provider, Native Village of Barrow family advocate

Presentations



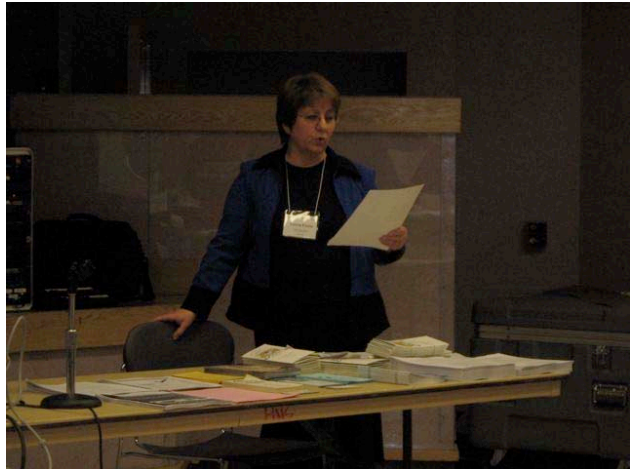
Reverend Mary Ann Warden, AWIC advisory board chair (left) and Louisa Riley, AWIC board member and Alaska Native Women's Coalition member (right) talk about domestic violence on the North Slope and the path to healing from personal and historical trauma.



Patti Bland, ANDVSA Director of Training (left) talks about the dynamics of domestic violence. Katie TePas (right) of the Alaska State Troopers explains State domestic violence laws, mandatory arrest policies and law enforcement response.



Jenn King ANDVSA Pro-Bono Attorney (left) explains civil remedies for survivors like protective orders, divorce and child custody. Andrea Browning ANDVSA Legal Advocacy Project Coordinator (right) tests participants knowledge of legal terms in a fun game of Jeopardy.



Robin Kouchak, Assistant District Attorney, Barrow Office of the District Attorney (left) Jonelle Stephens, Victim-Witness Paralegal, Fairbanks Office of the District Attorney (center) and Teresa Foster, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Special Prosecutions, Fairbanks Office of the Attorney General (right) talk about the role of the prosecutor and about the rights of victims.



Linda McLaughlin, Advocate/Trainer (left) and Mary Elam, Advocate Coordinator (right) at the Alaska Native Justice Center talk about how tribes can address domestic violence through tribal courts.



Christine King from the UAA Center for Human Development and Patti Bland ANDVSA Director of Training build practical advocacy and safety planning skills for victims especially for vulnerable adults who are elderly or experience a disability.

Faculty and Staff

Fifteen (15) faculty and staff participated in or presented at the forum.

Patricia Bland, ANDVSA, Director of Training

Andrea Browning, ANDVSA, Legal Advocacy Project Coordinator

Mary Elam, Alaska Native Justice Center, Advocate Coordinator

Teresa Foster, Fairbanks Office of the Attorney General, Office of Special Prosecutions,,
Assistant Attorney General

Sherrie Goll, CDVSA, Project Coordinator

Jo Griggs, CDVSA, Business Manager

Karen Hegyi, Alaska Court System, Magistrate

Michael Jeffrey, Alaska Court System, Superior Court Judge

Christine King, UAA Center for Human Development, Project Coordinator

Jennifer King, ANDVSA, Pro-Bono Attorney

Robin Kouchak, Assistant District Attorney, Barrow Office of the District Attorney

Linda McLaughlin, Alaska Native Justice Center, Victim Advocate/Trainer

Louisa Riley, AWIC Board Member

Jonelle Stephens, Fairbanks Office of the District Attorney, Victim-Witness Paralegal

Katie TePas, Alaska State Troopers, Program Coordinator

Training Content Areas

Domestic Violence and Victim Advocacy

Abuse of vulnerable adults
Advocate response
Confidentiality and legal advocacy
Domestic violence overview, dynamics, services
Safety planning for victims/survivors
Sexual assault overview
Stalking overview

Justice System

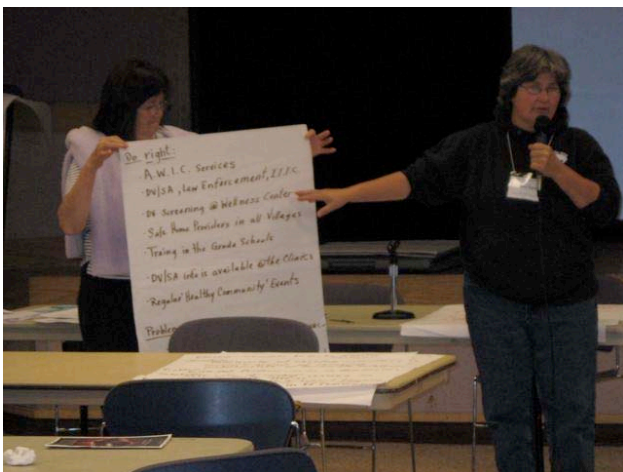
Civil court procedures
Criminal court procedures
Decreasing dual arrests/ID of primary aggressor
Domestic violence statutes and codes
Law enforcement response
Judicial Response
Pro-arrest policies
Prosecution response
Protection orders (including full faith and credit)
Sexual assault statutes and codes
Stalking statutes and codes
Tribal jurisdiction and PL 280
Victims' Rights

Underserved Populations

Issues specific to victims/survivors who:

- live in rural areas
- are Alaska Natives
- have substance abuse or mental health problems
- are elderly or have a disability

Local Challenges and Solutions



NORTH SLOPE CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

AWIC women's shelter and services
Safe home in all villages
Court advocate – protective orders
DV empowerment classes
Weekly group – parenting
DV education
DV screening at wellness center
DV/SA info is available in the clinics
Radio public service announcements
Batterers Program (DVIP)
Child advocacy center
Parenting classes
Parents in class
School program on bullying
Training in the grade schools
Community education (CMS)
TAB – STICS-S - (PHN)
Homeless program
B/ICAS/IHS/SSMH/PHS/community council
Combine services
DV/SA law enforcement
ITTC
Regular healthy community events
Cultural activities

CHALLENGE	Alcohol and drugs
SOLUTION	Networking with 5200 and ITTC

CHALLENGE	SART team
SOLUTION	Organize a SART team with PHN

CHALLENGE	Housing for victims
SOLUTION	Group home for victims of dv/sa

CHALLENGE	Funds for better services
SOLUTION	Actively hunt for a grants person

CHALLENGE	Getting agencies to work together
SOLUTION	More trainings. Getting agencies involved

CHALLENGE	Need to resume PSAs
SOLUTION	Fundraising, repair equipment
CHALLENGE	Empower clients to make healthy changes
SOLUTION	Familiarity with written literature
	Support group for survivors with workable solutions
	Dora's provider group
CHALLENGE	Burnout of professionals in the field. High turnover of responders
SOLUTION	Self care of workers
	Address our own issues to work through them
CHALLENGE	Poor continuity of school tenure
SOLUTION	Eliminate mandatory rotation welcome teachers to the community
CHALLENGE	Low Native participation in fields of needed services
SOLUTION	Identify why it is not inviting
	Identify interested Alaska Natives to become active participants
	Implement healthy changes for a healthy community in upcoming generation

OTHER NEEDS

SANE
Weather
Treatment
 Substance abuse
 S/A treatment
Outreach/preventions
Telemedicine
Orthodontist
Pediatrician

Closing Ceremony Tagiugmiut Dance Group

